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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC RELATIONS: NAC DISCUSSION, JANUARY 30.

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1. IN NAC, JANUARY 30, SYG LUNS RECALLED THAT COUNCIL HAD DECIDED ON JANUARY 9 TO ESTABLISH AN OPEN-ENDED BUT RESTRICTED "THOUGHT GROUP", CHAIRED BY ASYG FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS KASTL, TO CONTINUE WORK ON THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION. GROUP HAD MET ONCE SO FAR AND HAD HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE. LUNS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT CERTAIN COUNTRIES WOULD REQUIRE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE THE GROUP COULD CONTINUE ITS WORK.

2. LUNS NOTED THAT TIME CONTINUED TO PASS AND THE APRIL 4TH DATE MARKING NATO'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY WOULD SOON BE UPON US. HE SUGGESTED TOO THAT, ALTHOUGH NO DATE HAD BEEN SET, A VISIT BY PRESIDENT NIXON WAS IN PROSPECT THUS HIGHLIGHTING THE NEED FOR NATO'S WORK TO PROCEED QUICKLY.

3. LUNS ASKED THAT ASGY KASTL BE PREPARED FOR PROMPT RESUMPTION OF THE "THOUGHT GROUP" AS SOON AS COUNTRIES (MEANING THE U.S.A.) HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS, AND ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THIS APPROACH TO FURTHER WORK. NAC APPROVED LUNS' PROPOSAL WITHOUT COMMENT.

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